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POPA AND SIMCOM TEAM UP TO OFFER PC-12 MOUNTAIN FLYING TRAINING COURSE

TUCSON, AZ, June 15, 2009 -- POPA and SimCom Training Centers have again joined forces to provide POPA members with a PC-12 Mountain Flying Training course. The 2-day, in-aircraft training program will be conducted by SimCom's team of professional instructors, September 26-28, and will be held in Broomfield, CO. Reservations are required and must be completed by August 15. The cost of the course is \$2,480. A 50% deposit is required at the time of booking. To reserve space or for more information, call SimCom at 1.800.272.0211.

This is the second consecutive year POPA and SimCom have made the course available to POPA members. "Working with SimCom, the exclusive training provider of PC-12 training, we have designed a training course that provides POPA members the opportunity to train in an extremely challenging, real-time environment," said POPA President, Bob McLean. He continued, "Pilots will experience challenging high-altitude flying and the affects of such on the PC-12's aerodynamics and engine performance. Pilots will undoubtedly be subjected to varying mountain weather conditions, too. Clearly, this course is designed to further enhance pilots' skills and increase confidence and competence in his/her flying abilities."

Course content includes:

Day 1: GROUND TRAINING – 6 hours

- Performance
- Flight Planning
- Terminal Phase
- Emergency Planning

Day 2: GROUND TRAINING – 3 hours & FLIGHT TRAINING – (approx. 3 hours of flight time)

- Preflight Planning
- VFR Landing Pattern at Leadville
- Instrument Approaches at Leadville, Eagle and Aspen
- Postflight/Debrief

Tracy Brannon, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, SimCom Training Centers, adds, "POPA members who successfully complete this course will receive a "PC-12 Mountain Flying Course" certificate. They may also qualify for an Instrument Proficiency Check (IPC) provided they complete specific maneuvers to the instrument pilot training standards. If for some reason, we are unable to complete all the required maneuvers for an IPC, our instructors will advise pilots what they need to do to complete the requirements. The course curriculum does not lend itself to meet the requirements for a Flight Review, however an optional third day may be added to complete the Flight Review and also qualify for a SimCom Recurrent training certificate." Brannon added the fee for the additional day is \$1,120.

Additional information about the PC-12 Mountain Flying course is available on SimCom's website, [www.http://simulator.com](http://simulator.com) and the POPA website, www.pilatusowners.com.